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From: Smith, DonaldP [smith.donaldp@epa.gov]
Sent: 3/19/2019 9:30:10 PM
To: Smith, Monica [smith.monica@epa.gov]
CC: Assunto, Carmen [Assunto.Carmen@epa.gov]; Smalley, Bryant [smalley.bryant@epa.gov]; Snowbarger, Robert [Snowbarger.Robert@epa.gov]; Crossland, Ronnie [Crossland.Ronnie@epa.gov]; Mason, Steve [mason.steve@epa.gov]; Loesel, Matthew [loesel.matthew@epa.gov]; Adams, Adam [Adams.Adam@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Press Inquiry from KHOU deadline today

There is no age limit or shelf life on a tank so long as it is maintained in accordance with tank specific standard such as API or STI or UL. As for tank inspections so long as the tank inspector is certified to inspect a tank according to the requirements of the specific tank/standard/tank manufacture or design company. These are the generally held industry consideration. EPA does not inspect tanks so much as the requirements per the regulation or standards.

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On Mar 19, 2019, at 2:48 PM, Smith, Monica <smith.monica@epa.gov> wrote:

Don, Bryant and Robby can you help Carmen answer the UST and AST questions?

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On Mar 19, 2019, at 2:38 PM, Assunto, Carmen <Assunto.Carmen@epa.gov> wrote:

I need help with this media inquiry. Do you recommend an answer or a different contact to write? Thank you, Carmen

From: Gray, David
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2019 1:52 PM
To: Macias, Tina <tmacias@khoul.com>; Assunto, Carmen <Assunto.Carmen@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Press Inquiry from KHOU deadline today

Adding our PIO Carmen Assunto.

From: Macias, Tina <tmacias@khoul.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2019 1:49 PM
To: Gray, David <gray.david@epa.gov>
Subject: Press Inquiry from KHOU deadline today

Good afternoon David,

In light of the tank fire in La Porte, I'm trying to make sense of tank inspection guidelines found here: https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2014-04/documents/7_inspectionevaluation_testing_2014.pdf Can you answer a couple questions for me:

1. Is there a recommended age/lifetime of an aboveground storage tank? Same question for underground storage tanks.
2. This document refers to regional inspectors. Who inspects the tanks – trained personnel in the company, an outside company, EPA personnel or someone else?

Thanks,
Tina

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